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Re: Recreational Access Program Guide

This is to inform you that the Recreational Access Program Guide has been updated and is now available on the Local Assistance Division's web site at:

<http://www.virginiadot.org/business/local-assistance.asp>.

The revised Guide reflects changes in the program's administrative policy adopted by the Commonwealth Transportation Board in 2008. These changes include: clarification of the eligibility of multiple projects serving distinct focal points within the same recreational or historic site, and a distinction in concurrence by the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation for projects serving recreational facilities or by the Director of the Department of Historic Resources for projects serving historic sites. It also includes the most recent criteria for the State Environmental Review Process and reference to VDOT's Locally Administered Projects Manual which provides a streamlined self certification process for state funded projects.

We hope that the revised Guide will be a useful reference in the use of the Recreational Access Program to develop new or expanding facilities. If you have any questions, please contact your local VDOT representative or me at (804) 786-2745 or by email at Michael.Estes@VDOT.Virginia.gov.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Commonwealth Transportation Board
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